

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2020 Legislative Session

Bill Version:	FCCS SB 241
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Identifier: SB241CCSCSCS(CC)-LAW-CIV-3-28-20  
Title: EXTENDING COVID 19 DISASTER EMERGENCY  
Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR  
Requester: Conference Committee

Department: Department of Law  
Appropriation: Civil Division Except Contracts Relating to  
Interpretation of Janus v AFSCME  
Allocation: Deputy Attorney General's Office  
OMB Component Number: 2205

## Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2021 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2021 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2021	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

## Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

## Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

## Change in Revenues

None							
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2020) cost:** 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2021) cost:** 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)

**Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account?** No  
(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

## ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No  
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

## Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable. Initial version.

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## FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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## Analysis

SB 241 extends the governor's March 11, 2020, public health disaster emergency declaration. The bill also provides for temporary changes to state law in response to the outbreak.

Section 25 of SB 241 would provide that a person may sign or witness a will by videoconference so long as the will includes, and the witnesses provide, certain statements signed under penalty of perjury. A videoconference, for the purposes of this section, is a conference using technology allowing the testator and witness to simultaneously communicate and maintain visual contact while in different physical locations.

The statement in the will would provide that the testator is a member of a group that is at high risk for severe illness from the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) or has been advised by a health care provider or state, local, or federal agency that being in the physical presence of others would put the testator or others at risk from COVID-19. The statement by a witness must be submitted within 60 days of the execution of the will by videoconference. It should be attached to the will, or a copy of the will, and state that the witness was informed that the testator is at high risk for severe illness or that the witness was advised by a health care provider or a state, local, or federal agency that being in the presence of others might expose the witness or others to a health risk. The statement should also include a provision stating that the witness is satisfied that the attached will is an original or an exact copy of the original.

The Department of Law does not anticipate any fiscal impact to the department's Commercial and Fair Business Section if sec. 25 of the bill becomes law.

Section 26 of SB 241 would provide clarification to the laws relating to unfair or deceptive trade practices under AS 45.50.471 – 45.50.561 (Alaska Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act). Under this section, it would explicitly be a violation of the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act for a person selling supplies to charge over 10% more than the price charged for that item in the normal course of business, before the governor's emergency disaster declaration. This section would apply to actions occurring during COVID-19 public health disaster emergency declared by the governor on March 11, 2020.

This section would not apply to charges increased as a result of an increased cost for the seller to buy the supplies. This section would apply whether or not the person was in the business of selling supplies before the emergency declaration. The supplies covered by this section are food, medicine, medical equipment, fuel, sanitation products, hygiene products, essential household supplies, and other essential goods or services.

The Department of Law does not anticipate any fiscal impact to the department's Special Litigation Section if sec. 26 of the bill becomes law.